

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Civic engagement is essential to our nation's form of government. Civic education gives young people the knowledge and background to be engaged citizens who are more likely to vote and participate in civic activities. In recent years, many states including Utah, Georgia and Florida have strengthened their states' civics standards and requirements. Idaho's civics standards are currently embedded in the state's social studies standards. Separating and enhancing the standards, will highlight the importance of civic education and what we want students to know and be able to do with that education..

### FISCAL NOTE

This resolution has no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The State Department of Education will be facilitating a review of Social Studies standards this year according to the traditional cycle for review of content standards. The creation of stand-alone civics standards will be conducted as part of this process.

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